

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

"Addressing the Needs of Students with Learning Difficulties through the Response to Intervention (RTI) Strategies"

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

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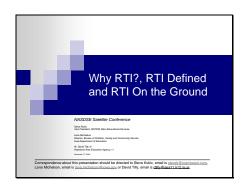
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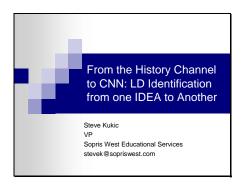
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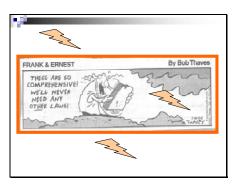
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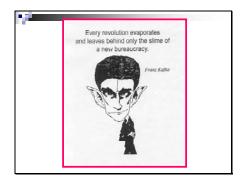




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Due process does not, unfortunately, put more bread on the table; government can set benefits at whatever level it wants.

What due process puts on the table is a thick manual of rules designed to ensure uniformity and procedural regularity.

Paternalism is replaced with bloodless formalism. People in need get lots of law.

--Howard, 1994

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In the decades since World War II, we have constructed a system of regulatory law that basically outlaws common sense. Modern law, in an effort to be "self-executing", has shut out our humanity.

The motives were logical enough: Specific legal mandates would keep government in close check and provide crisp guidelines for private citizens. But it doesn't work. Human activity can't be regulated without judgment by humans.

--Howard, 1994

In 1975 Congress passed the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).
Our confusion over government's role was complete: We wanted it to solve social ills, but distrusted it to do so.
Congress had resolved this dilemma by using rights to transfer governmental powers to special interest groups.

Howard, 1994

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Statutory Definition of LD

■ The term "specific learning disability" means a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations. The term includes such conditions as perceptual handicaps, brain injury, innimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. The term does not include children who have learning disabilities which are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor handicaps, or mental retardation, or emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage (USOE, 1968).

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1997 Federal Regulations

- A team may determine that a child has a specific learning disability if:
 - □ the child does not achieve commensurate with his or her age and ability levels in one or more of the areas listed in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, when provided with learning experiences appropriate for the child's age and ability levels; and
 - the team finds that a child has a severe discrepancy between achievement and intellectual ability in one or more of the following areas (IDEA, 1997).

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1977 Federal Regulations

- A severe discrepancy between achievement and intellectual ability in one or more of the areas:
 - oral expression;
 - listening comprehension;
 - written expression;
 - basic reading skill;

 - reading comprehension; mathematics calculation; or
 - mathematic reasoning.

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1977 Federal Regulations

- ■The child may not be identified as having a specific learning disability if the discrepancy between ability and achievement is primarily the result of:
- 1. a visual, hearing, or motor handicap;
- 2. mental retardation;
- 3. emotional disturbance; or
- environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage (USOE, 1977).

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No child left behind...



No teacher left unsupported!

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Consensus Report – LD Summit 2001

- IQ/Achievement Discrepancy is neither necessary nor sufficient for identifying individuals with SLD (specific learning disabilities).
- IQ tests do not need to be given in most evaluations of children with SLD.
- There should be alternate ways to identify individuals with SLD in addition to achievement testing, history, and observations of the child.

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Consensus Report – Alternatives 2001

- Response to quality intervention is the most promising method of alternate identification and can both promote effective practices in schools and help to close the gap between identification and treatment.
- Any effort to scale up response to intervention should be based on problem solving models that use progress monitoring to gauge the intensity of intervention in relation to the student's response to intervention.
- Problem solving models have been shown to be effective in public school settings and in research.

	mise of IQ Testing for n with Learning Disabilities
7	Presented by Robert H. Pasternack, Ph.D. Assistant Scertain, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services National Association of School Psychologists 2002 Annual Convention Chicago, Illinois March 1, 2002

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Slide 16 Main Points Validity of the of LD concept does NOT hinge on the validity of IQ-Achievement Discrepancy as a means for identifying individuals with LD. IQ-Achievement Discrepancy is not a valid means for identifying individuals with LD. There is no compelling need for the use of IQ tests in the identification of LD. Elimination of IQ tests in the identification of LD will help shift the emphasis in Special Education away from eligibility and towards getting children the interventions they need to be successful learners. Slide 17 Response to Intervention ■ Studies of responsiveness to intervention generally do not find relationships with IQ or IQ-discrepancy. ■ May seem counterintuitive, but IQ tests do not measure cognitive skills like phonological awareness that are closely associated with LD in reading. Slide 18

Why give IQ Tests?

- Eligibility evaluations are costly: IQ tests are time consuming and do not contribute to treatment planning.
- Wait to fail model- we wait for kids to fail to provide services.
 All the research we have points to the value of early
- IQ tests contribute to over- representation of minorities in special education.

 Role of school psychologist should change.
- CHANGE IS GOOD!

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	LD Roundtable I: Finding Common Ground Initiative 2002	
	■ 10 national organization with a deep interest in LD	
	OSEP fundedDiscussion based on August 2001 LD	
	Summit ■ Found common ground!	
Slide 20	Finding Common Ground	
	Initiative 2002 ■ Agreed to work for the elimination of the	
	IQ Achievement discrepancy Agreed to the concept of the 3 tiered	
	model for identification	
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	Key Issues in IDEA Re-authorization	
	HR 1350 The Improving Educational Results for Children with Disabilities Act	
	 \$ 1248 The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act IEP 	
	□ Discipline □ Research □ LD identification	
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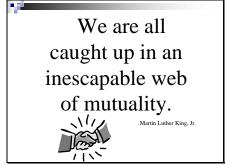
Slide 22 April 2003 U.S. House of Representatives approves IDEA reauthorization bill, H.R. 1350 which includes new language regarding the identification of SLD as follows. 614 (b)(6) SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES— 614 (b)(6) SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES— IN GENERAL: - Notwithstanding section 607 of this Act, or any other provision of law, when determining whether a child has a specific learning disability as defined under this Act, the LEA shall not be required to take into consideration whether the child has a severe discrepancy between achievement and intellectual ability in oral expression, listening comprehension, written expression, basic reading skill, reading comprehension, mathematical calculation or mathematical reasoning. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY-In determining whether a child has a specific learning disability, a LEA may use a process which determines if a child responds to scientific, research based intervention." Slide 23 June 2003 U.S. Senate HELP Committee approves IDEA reauthorization bill, S. 1248 which includes new language regarding the identification of SLD as follows (bill as reported to the full Senate). 614 (6) SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES-614 (6) SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES: (A) IN GENERAL- Notwithstanding section 607(b), when determining whether a child has a specific learning disability as defined in section 602(29), a local educational agency shall not be required to take into consideration whether a child has a severe discrepancy between achievement and intellectual ability in oral expression, listening comprehension, written expression, basic reading skill, reading comprehension, mathematical calculation, or mathematical reasoning. (B) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY- In determining whether a child has a specific learning disability, a local educational agency may use a process that determines if the child responds to scientific, research-based intervention as a part of the evaluation procedures described in paragraphs (2) and (3). May 2004 S. 1248 passed by the Senate. Slide 24

LD Roundtable II: From Statute to Regulation 2003 - 2004

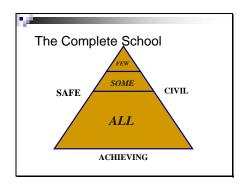
- 15 organizations including NASDSE
- Role of comprehensive evaluation delineated
- Requirement to investigate strengths and weaknesses in performance or cognitive abilities added
- Team competencies defined
- \blacksquare Scientific, research-based interventions defined
- Timelines established
- Cultural difference added as a disclaimer

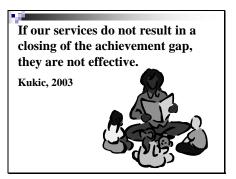
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	LD Roundtable III?	
	Delivering research based reading instruction?	
	 Developing (synthesizing) an RTI model? Measuring the exclusionary factors 	
	(disclaimers)?	
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	Fullan's Tipping Points	
	The social attractors of moral purpose	
	Quality relationships	
	Quality ideas	
	Moral purpose and quality ideas need to have sticky qualities.	
	New relationships need law of the few to help kick start the process in order to create new role models and context.	
	Fullan, 2003	
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	Raise the Bar & Close the Gap	
	WITH A VENGEANCE!	

Fullan, 2003



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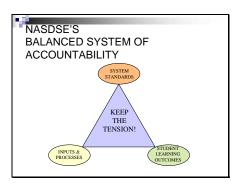


Closing The Achievement Gap

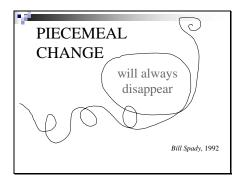
- Closing the gap is essential
 - □ to student success
 - □ to district success
 - □ to our nation's future
- Closing the gap requires prevention AND intervention

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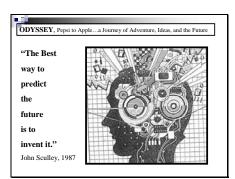


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Going to scale means fundamentally developing the system at all levels.

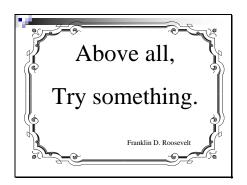
Fullan, 1999

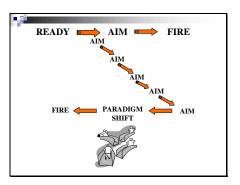


If you're not hopelessly confused, you're out of touch! If you are hopelessly confused, then you only have one choice—try stuff.

Embracing Chaos, 1993

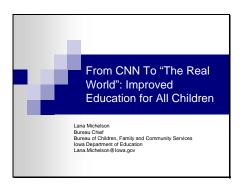
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How it all started in lowa Began in 1986-1987 Statewide innovation Examine current literature Ask questions

A Series of Questions Were

- What is working with the current system?
 What components of the system are in need of reconsideration?
- reconsideration?

 What barriers get in the way of trying these changes?

 Important There was no presumption that what we were doing was not being done well.



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Assumptions



- Change in thinking is as critical as change in behavior
- Our historical system was predicated on a series of assumptions these pervade practice today
- Basing our service delivery system on them has not resulted in broad-based and consistently replicable positive student achievement results for students with disabilities
- Last purpose of IDEA-To assess and ensure the effectiveness of efforts to education children with disabilities

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We Need A New Logic



- Begin with the idea that the purpose of the system is student achievement
- Acknowledge that student needs exist on a continuum rather than in typological
- Organize resources to make educational resources available in direct proportion to student need

Slide 46 The Reality ■The effectiveness of any educational strategy for an individual can only be determined through its implementation. Slide 47 Response to Intervention □ About a system of decision making ☐ Matching amount of student resources to degree of student need ☐ Matching precise nature of student need to instruction □ Being strategic and judicious in using instructional resources $\hfill\square$ Using student data to maximize student learning $\hfill\square$ Having data to tell you whether what you are doing is working

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Vocabulary - Convergence of Thinking

- Problem. Solving Model (PS): Proposed, implemented and refined since the early '80s in special education as an alternative system to the traditional Refer-Test-Place system. It encompasses both general education and special education systems. Initially was individual student focused.
- Response To Intervention (RTI) Also called a Standard Treatment Approach (STA). Resistance to Intervention and Responsiveness to Intervention: Being proposed by researchers across the country as an alternative method for identifying individuals with Learning Disabilities. An opportunity to link IDEA thinking with NCLB thinking.
- School-Wide Model (SWM): An integrative way of thinking logically and rationally about meeting All children's needs in a school. It represents a promising way for schools to comprehensively draw together and allocate their resources to meet children's educational needs. It is a "smart" system.

Important Points

- These terms are similar in critical ways
- They represent different spins on the same core thinking by different people
- The same "big components" are there



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Beliefs that Support Response to

Intervention

- All children can learn



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 Educators are
 responsible to teach them
 Parents have vast
 knowledge about their
 children and should be
 partners in the
 educational system
 Children should be
 assisted when concerns
 arise, before problems
 grow
 Children's peeds should
- Children's needs should be met in the general education setting whenever appropriate

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Beliefs that Support Response to Intervention

- Teachers and parents deserve the resources necessary to meet the educational needs of children
 The best educational strategy is the one that works; the response to intervention approach evaluates effectiveness frequently
 Assistance is designed to improve learning; accurate information about student progress should be communicated regularly



Why Use a Response to Intervention Approach?

- Model is not just conceptual but practical
- Multidisciplinary ... it actually increases team
 Preventative / early intervention focus
- Increases amount of services to children
- Increases parental awareness and involvement
- Frees staff to make professional decisions
 Process is developmental ... requires flexibility
- Limited only by teams in ability to generate solutions ■ Emphasis is always on least-restrictive environment
- Emphasis is on exit as much as entrance
- Match with our beliefs about education for all kids ...

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Implementation Myths

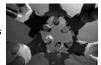
- Categorical
- Access to adult services
- Requires a waiver
- Lack of data



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Categorical Specific

- All kids
- Support Services And Related Services



Limits Access to Adult Services

- Vocational Rehabilitation
- AHEAD criteria



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Requires a wavier



- There is tremendous flexibility within IDEA
- One of lowa's greatest learnings as a state was that "we did it to ourselves"
- That is, most of the restrictions we perceived as barriers to changing what we were doing they were self imposed by our state's interpretation of the Federal Law and Regulations

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Road Map



- Began with Teacher Assistance Teams or Student Assistance Teams
 Systematic Progress Monitoring of interventions
 Parents engaged in the process as soon as their was an identified problem
 Interventions were implemented based on functional assessment information in general education
 Used the data gathered during the intervention as teams examined entitlement and eligibility decisions
 Institutionalized
 Eligibility Document

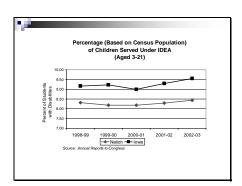
- □ Eligibility Document
 □ Administrative Rules of Special Education

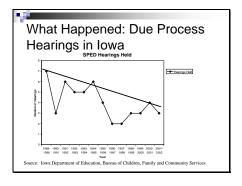
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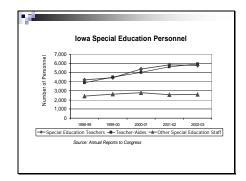
- Census data
- Due Process data
- Personnel data
- Quality
 Implementation data
- Customer Satisfaction



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Examine our implementation



- Involvement of practitioners
- Description of problem and goal
- Communication with parents
- Baseline data
- Intervention plan-instruction
- Systematic data collection used to make decisions
- Data correlates to decision

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What Happened: Consumer Satisfaction

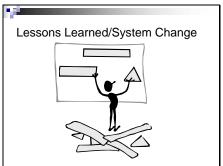
Question 1: The problem solving process supports teachers in improving the performance of students whose academic skills and behaviors are of concern. This includes the Building Assistance Team or other intervention supports.

	Gen Ed Teachers n=416	Principal n=46	Sp Ed Teachers n=126
Agree	90.3%	97.1%	86.6%

Question 2: Problem solving process leading to educational interventions is equally applicable for helping students in general and special education.

	Gen Ed Teachers <u>n</u> =416	Principal n=46	Sp Ed Teachers <u>n</u> =126
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Source: Consumer Satisfaction Survey 2002-2003



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Four "Big Ideas" of Doing RTI on the Ground

- People Need to Know "Why" We're Doing
- We Need "Smart Systems Structures"
- We Need to Import Science Into Practice in Two Ways

 - Service Delivery Process Using a Self-Correcting Problem Solving Approach

 Content Delivery Process– Selecting
 Instructional Approaches That Are Research-Validated

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Face the Outside World

- · Center on mission
- · Operate "just beyond the impossible"
- Be aware of the problems and embrace them
 - Lower the barriers to external collaboration
- Harvest external support
- Prepare for hardball
- Pay attention to outcome



Create the Freedom to Imagine

- · Create room to experiment
- Lower the barriers to internal collaboration
- Prime the organization for innovation
- Create a marketplace of ideas
- Prepare for stress
- Maximize diversity



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Leadership



- Be clear about who decides
- Issue a call for ideas
- Give the permission to fail
- Communicate
- Pay attention to sequencing
- Teach the organization how to say no and why
- Keep faith and intuition alive and in perspective

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Manage the System

- Measure performance
- Celebrate success
- Have fun
- Build mission into systems, not vice versa
- Be disciplined about management
- Listen to the stakeholders and organization
- Keep learning



Bottom lines

- Come together and work together
- Stick together for the long haul
- Confront the present situation
- Create a vision for a more effective system
- Attend to change
- Have an implementation plan
- Develop performance measures

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Thinking Differently

- Knowing why problems occur and what will solve them is important
- Intervention is derived from analysis results
- "Functional" means different things
- New information will not be gathered until you know what you don't already have
- Assessments will serve multiple purposes

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Thinking Differently

- Student problems can be defined and changed
- Questions will drive assessments
- Assessments will lead to instructional decisions and be low in inference
- Enabled learning rather than discrepancy or diagnosis is the goal

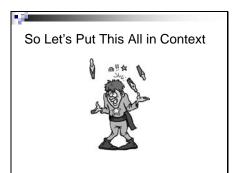
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Quote

- We have witnessed over the last 30 years numerous attempts at planned educational change. The benefits have not nearly equaled the costs, and all too often, the situation has seemed to worsen. We have, however, gained clearer and clearer insights over this period about the do's and don'ts of bringing about change... One of the most promising features of this new knowledge about change is that successful examples of innovation are based on what might be most accurately labeled "organized common sense." (Fullan, 1991, p. xi-xii)
- Fullan, M. G. (1991). <u>The new meaning of educational change</u>. New York, NY: Teachers College Press.

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We Can Do Better Than We've Ever Done Before

- Advances in knowledge
 Advances in practice
 Flexibility in our
 structures
 Federal Law acceptance
 of different
 methods/approaches
 One goal all students
 must become proficient
 (Consistent with NCLB)



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To Get There in Practice: We Need to Do Three Things



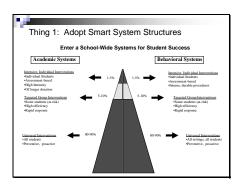
- Adopt "Smart" system structures Import the "Scientific Method" into practice Use scientifically validated teaching practices to the greatest degree possible

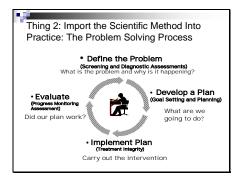
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Thing 1: Adopt Smart System Structures One Perspective on History Our education system has grown up through a process of "Disjointed Incrementalism" (Reynolds, 1988) The current Education System's Programmatic Evolution

Thing 1: Adopt Smart System Structures Unintended Effects Conflicting programs Conflicting funding streams Redundacy Lack of coordination across programs Nonsensical rules about program availability for students Extreme complexity in administration and implementation of the programs

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Thing 2: In RTI, We Differentiate Assessment for the Purpose of Differentiating Instruction

- <u>Def:</u> Assessment, is the process of collecting information for the purpose of making decisions or answering questions (Salvia and Ysseldyke, 1991)
- Different kinds of assessment data are needed for different decisions within
- the system

 3 Major Types of
 Decisions/Assessments



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Thing 2: Three Primary Types of Assessment



- Screening Assessments: assessments used to determine if additional investigation is warranted.

 Diagnostic Assessments: Assessment conducted at any time during the school year when more in-depth analysis of a student's strengths and weaknesses is needed to guide instruction (Institute for the Development of Educational Achievement, 2003).

 Progress Monitoring Assessments: Assessment basis (i.e., weekly minimum of three times a year or on a routine basis (i.e., weekly minimum of three times a year or on a routine basis (i.e., weekly a strength of the progress of the

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Thing 3: Use Scientifically Validated Practices to the Extent Possible

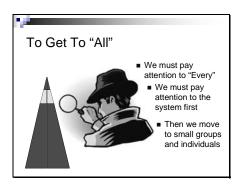
- Investigate the research base
 Know your own context and needs
 Match up strategies/approaches with your needs
 Monitor the extent to which they are effective
 Change ineffective programs and strategies

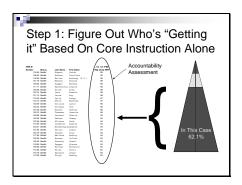


	 	
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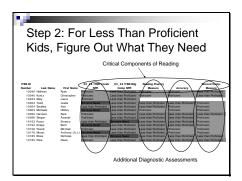


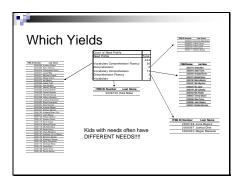
For Those Successful Based on Core Instruction

- Further diagnostics typically not needed
- Progress monitoring occurs yearly with district accountability assessment and progress in classes



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Which Brings Up the Issues

- How do we get these kids supplemental instruction, focused on their needs? In addition to their Core.
 How do we get progress monitored at a group level?
 How do we create flexible groupings, responding to the data?
 Keep what is working, change what is not



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If Implemented Well



- Core + Supplemental instruction should meet the needs of a large proportion of Less Than Proficient students' needs
 There will still be students whoAre successful with supplemental, but need intensive support to maintain growth

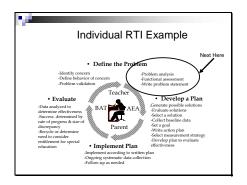
 Need more individualized, intensive instruction

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Individual Student RTI Example Implement Plan Implement according to written pla Ongoing systematic data collection Follow-up as needed

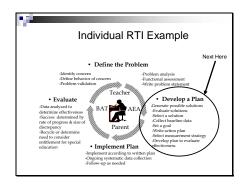
Illustration: Chas Second grader, Winter Supplemental Instruction in reading received in 1st Grade This is an example of a screening assessment Other classroom data were available to validate the problem

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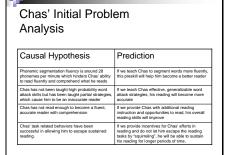


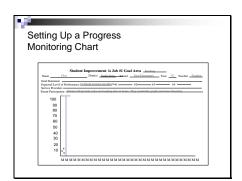
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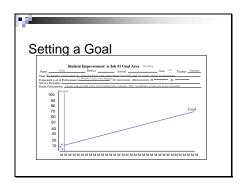
Problem Analysis (Summary) Phonics (ORF is circa 21 words per minute in second grade passages) Decoding is very labored, slow, halted and inaccurate (fluency and accuracy) I majority of his correct words are high frequency sight words There are many later-sound correspondences and later combinations (digraphs There are many later-sound correspondences and later combinations (digraphs There are many later-sound correspondences and later combinations (digraphs There are many later-sound correspondences and later combinations (digraphs Chair Chair



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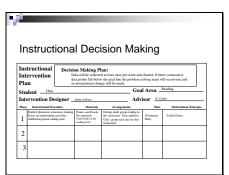




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Chas' Reading Goal

By January of 3rd grade, given passages from 3rd grade reading curriculum material, Chas will read 70 words correct in one minute with five or fewer errors



Decision Making Plan

- Frequency of data collection
- Strategies to be used to summarize data for evaluation
- Number of data points or time before analysis
- Decision rule

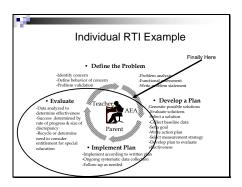


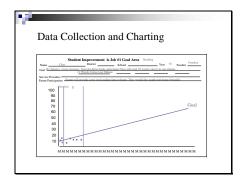
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Instructional Decisions

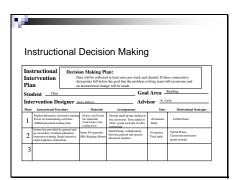
- Instructional procedures
- Materials
- Arrangements
- Time
- Motivational Strategies

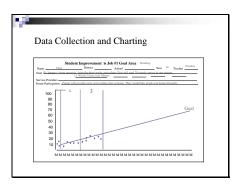




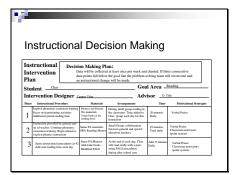


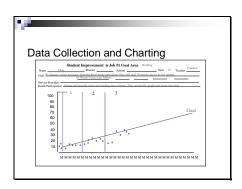
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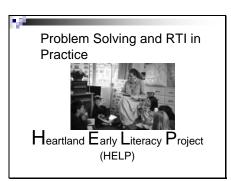




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Demographics of HELP

- As of 11/04 we had 122 school buildings involved
- 60 of our approximately 90 districts/accredited nopublics
- Almost 17,000 active students



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Key Features of HELP

- DIBELS
- Student interventions based on response to instruction
 - □ Benchmark□ Strategic
- □ Intensive
- Ongoing Monitoring
- Instructional changes based on data
 - □ Literacy Team
 - ☐ Administrative support

Process was adapted from Kame'enui and Simmons (2000)



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6 Sets of Results Indicators

- Near In
 □ DIBELS Measures Benchmark Attainment Project Wide
 □ HELP Results Translated into Effect Sizes
- More Distal
- MORE DISTAI

 Changes in CBM Norms 1994-2002

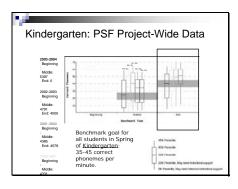
 Number of HELP Heartland buildings identified on the NCLB watch list 'or 'Schools in Need of Assistance' (SINA)

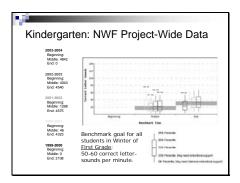
 Special Education Incidence Rates in 36 early adopter buildings

 ITBS Progress (esp. 4® Grade)

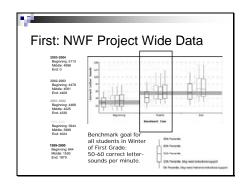


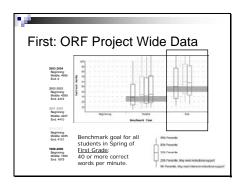
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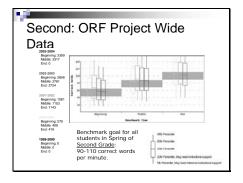




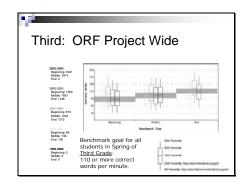
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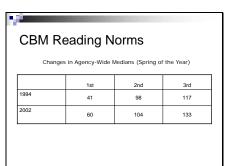




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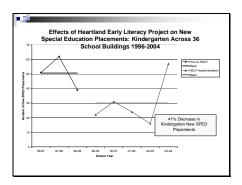




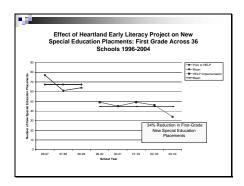


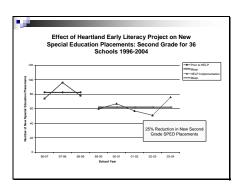


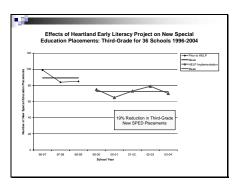
List of Heartland Elementary Schools, Implementing HELP Who Were on the NCLB Watch List or SINA in 2003-2004



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